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H. R. 2492

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2011

Mr. MARINO (for himself and Ms. SUTTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Animal Fighting Spec-
5 tator Prohibition Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHT OR**
2 **CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL**
3 **FIGHT.**

4 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
5 2156) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the heading, by striking “SPON-
8 SORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL IN” and in-
9 serting “SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANI-
10 MAL IN, ATTENDING, OR CAUSING A MINOR TO
11 ATTEND”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN
14 GENERAL” and inserting “SPONSORING OR
15 EXHIBITING”; and

16 (ii) by striking “paragraph (2)” and
17 inserting “paragraph (3)”;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
19 paragraph (3); and

20 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(2) ATTENDING OR CAUSING A MINOR TO AT-
23 TEND.—It shall be unlawful for any person to—

24 “(A) knowingly attend an animal fighting
25 venture; or

1 “(B) cause a minor to attend an animal
2 fighting venture.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(5) the term ‘minor’ means a person under the
6 age of 18 years old.”.

7 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
10 ed—

11 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
12 IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

13 (2) in subsection (a), as designated by para-
14 graph (1) of this section, by striking “subsection
15 (a),” and inserting “subsection (a)(1),”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 sections:

18 “(b) ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE.—
19 Whoever violates subsection (a)(2)(A) of section 26 of the
20 Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under
21 this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both,
22 for each violation.

23 “(c) CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL
24 FIGHTING VENTURE.—Whoever violates subsection
25 (a)(2)(B) of section 26 (7 U.S.C. 2156) of the Animal

- 1 Welfare Act shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for
- 2 not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.”.

